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Amendments to Specification

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Patent No. 7,108,937, there is disclosed a proton exchange membrane (PEM) fuel cell stack utilizing vacuum insulation panels (VIPs) to insulate the entire stack, including providing external reactant gas manifolds and pressure plates with VIP insulation. However, the fuel cell power plant, even with an insulated stack, is still subject to rapid freezing at below freezing temperatures, and slow recovery.